

## MCIWEST-MCB CAMP PENDLETON 2016 CRITICAL DAYS OF SUMMER NEWSLETTER



## WEEK 10 – HOME SAFETY



### There is no place like home"

"Home" is meant to be a safe haven for you and your loved ones. When we think of safety at home it is a place of protection or a place that allows us to escape from the outside world for a period of time and relax.

There is another very important part of safety as it relatives to the home, and that is hazards which lurk in and around the home. From electrocution, falls, poison, fires, carbon Monoxide and hidden protective fire arms.

For military families, the constant family moves and spouse deployments can make home safety difficult to manage or maintain. Yet it is important to make it a priority and to be constantly vigilant. Lack of it can create very dangerous environment for families, children, and pets. **PROTECT YOUR LOVED ONES!** 

**Electrical Mishaps** can occur at home as well as work and deployments. Exercise care with equipment, wiring, electrical outlets/plates and the cords on equipment.

**Trips and Falls** are usually caused by improper stair maneuverability, slippery or wet floors (kitchen and bathroom floors), as well as by toys or tools left astray/unsecured.

**Poison** is a largely unrecognized hazard in the home. Most household cleaning solutions are an irritant to the skin and very harmful when digested. Yet - containers are kept in areas accessible to pets and children (under sinks on low level shelves and in garage cabinets).

Carbon Monoxide is the ghost in the home, no one can see it, smell it, or hear it. Carbon monoxide is an odorless poison that tops the list in death related incidents in the home. It is silent and deadly.

**Fires** are always our wort enemy. They are preventable and detectible, but difficult to fight once they are started. If it does not hurt human life it destroys homes and years of hard work and memories. Fires can take us all but often take children and pets.

HOME SAFETY Family Preparedness

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## HELPFUL HINTS

#### Electrical Hazards

- Keep extension cords out of walk ways and areas where they can be damaged
- Cover outlets with outlet covers

#### Trips and Falls

- Keep stairways free of loose items
- Use protective gates on stairways for children
- Clean up liquid spills and standing water on floors and walkways immediately

#### Poison

- Use appropriate protective equipment when using cleaning solutions
- Don't mix cleaning solutions
- Place all cleaning solutions and medications in a secured location
- Never attempt to smell cleaning solutions

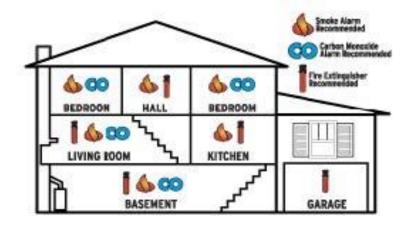
#### Carbon Monoxide

 Install detectors or alarms which detect carbon monoxide level in the home

#### Fires

- o Install fire alarms in the home
- Place fire extinguishers in strategic locations though-out the home
- Keep plants, shrubs, and trees trimmed around the exterior of the home
- o Have a fire plan
- Hold drills with your children
- Have appropriate emergency numbers readily available

Passing these helpful hints to the family is the best preventive measurement you can employee.



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## **Picture of the Week**



## **Base Safety Points of Contact**

- **❖** Traffic Safety − 763-5070
- ❖ Recreations Safety 763-5332
- ❖ Safety Training 763-7326
- **❖** Ergonomics 763-0254
- ❖ Radiation Safety 763-0254
- **❖** Mishaps − 763-5334
- **♦** Asbestos/Lead 763-5324
- Respiratory Protection, 763-2366
- **❖** Confined Space − 763-2366
- ❖ Tactical Safety 763-5332
- ❖ Bloodborne Safety 763-0255
- **❖** Explosive Safety − 763-4817
- **❖** HAZMAT − 763-2364
- ❖ First Aid/CPR 763-2364

## **Upcoming Training**

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING 7 SEPTEMBER

ADVANCE RIDERS COURSE 7-8 SEPTEMBER

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